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TO: Minerals File

FROM: D. Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor *JB for Scott*

RE: Site Inspection, Blue Castle Mine, Gold Terra, Inc., S/015/077, Emery County, Utah

Date of Inspection: August 8, 2003
Time of Inspection: 9:30 a.m.- 9:50 a.m.
Conditions: Sunny and warm
Participants: Wayne Hedberg, Susan White, Joelle Burns, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To check status of Division requested pit highwall regrading actions by the operator.

Getting to the site: See previous inspection reports or file for site access directions.

Observations:

Paul Baker of the Minerals Program staff had previously asked Gold Terra, Inc., to reduce the steepness of the pit walls so that a human or animal could climb out of the pit if they accidentally fell in. Not having first hand knowledge of the conditions that existed at the site before Mr. Baker sent his request to the operator, we could not confirm the extent of the work performed by the operator. However, it did appear that some regrading work had been done to the pit that would allow humans and animals to escape from the pit in the event they slipped into it. Several photos were taken to document the current conditions for the file and to show Mr. Baker when we returned to the office.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

After showing Paul the recent photographs of the site, he concurred that the requested regrading work had been performed adequately for the intended purpose. An appropriate followup letter in this regard will need to be prepared and sent to the operator.

jb

Attachment: site photos

cc: Dan Sheppard, GoldTerra, Inc.

Dean Nyffeler, Price BLM

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Photographs

S/015/077, Blue Castle Mine, Goldterra, Inc.

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Photo 1 - NW View of Existing Pit (shows resloped edges to allow egress)

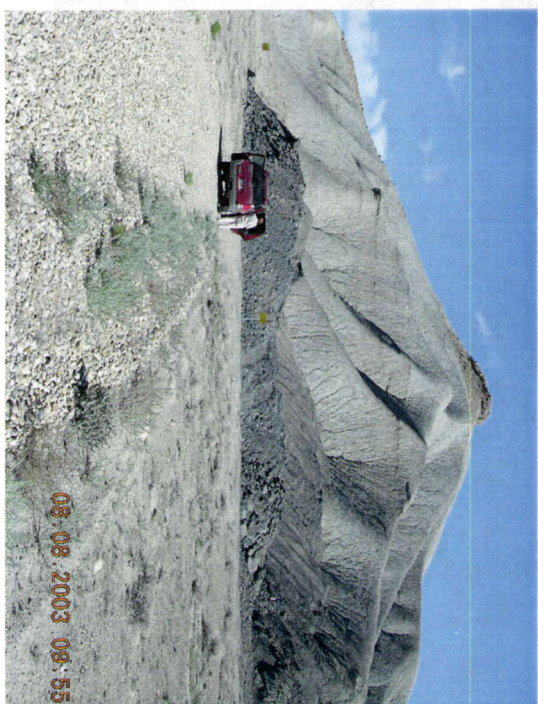


Photo 3 - Overview of Mine Area Disturbance



Photo 2 - Existing Pit (View looking SE from behind highwall)



Photo 4 - Central Pit view from SE

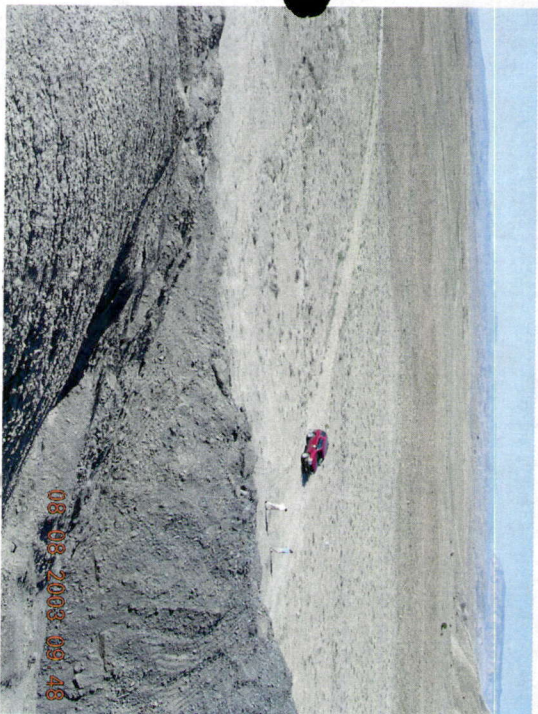


Photo 5 - SE end view of Pit and main access road

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Photo 6 - View of NW end of Pit